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Applicant: Athena Christodoulou, et al. ) Group Art No.: 2624  
Application No: 09/940,615 ) Examiner: Poon, King Y  
Filed: 08/29/2001 ) Re: **Response After Final**  
For: "Method and Apparatus ) Our Ref: B-5060 948588-3  
For Embodying ..." )  
Date: February 15, 2006

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on November 15, 2005, a reply to which is initially due by February 15, 2006. Since this paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action, Applicants submit that this paper is a reply under 37 CFR 1.116 and requests expedited processing of this Amendment and Response After Final rejection as described in MPEP 714.13. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.**

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a fee form, and requisite fees are included with this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.